

REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 4-15 and 28-33.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 as being anticipated by Sankey '594 and rejected claim 3 as being obvious in view of Sankey '594 in view of Official Notice. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections noting that the Sankey bridge (354) cited by the Examiner does not span the opening with the first and second ends of the bridge disposed on opposite sides of the opening. In order to more clearly distinguish independent claim 1 from Sankey '594, the Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to specifically recite that the first and second ends of the bridge are disposed on and connected to opposite sides of the opening defined by the bottom wall. In view of this amendment and the fact that the Sankey '594 bridge is cantilevered with respect to the opening, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1-3 and the withdrawal of the rejection.

The Applicant has added new claims 34-37 and respectfully requests that these claims be examined. These claims dependent from independent claim 1 and are directed to the arrangement of the end portions of the first and second ends of the bridge. The Applicant submits that these claims are in condition for allowance. The Applicant has additionally added new claim 38 and respectfully requests that it be examined. New claim 38 is directed to the arrangement of the upper wall of the bridge with respect to the push button and arms. The Applicant submits that new claim 38 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal notice of allowability for the pending claims. Please call the undersigned attorney if any questions remain after this amendment.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 3rd day of November, 2003.

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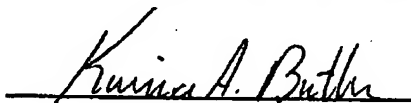


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